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ENHANCEMENT IN PENSION TO PRE-1986 PENSIONERS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have considered the proposal of enhancement of pension for the Pre-1986 Pensioners of the Indian Armed Forces;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of such pensioners have applied for the same; and

(d) if so, the action taken on those applications?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): In pursuance with the recommendations of V Central Pay Commission, orders for consolidation ofexisting pension of all pre 1.1.1996 Armed Forces Pensionersincluding pre 1.1.1986 pensioners, were issued on 24.11.1997. These orders provide for consolidation of pension by merging basic pension, Interim relief I & II, dearness reliefranging from 95% to 148% on the basic pension and 40% fitment weightage on the basic pension. Orders revising pension of all pre 1.1.1996 (including pre 1.1.1986 pensioners) were issued on 27th May 1998 in respect of officers and 14th July 1998 in respect of Personnel below officers rank. These orders provide for complete parity in pensions of pre and post 1.1.1986 pensioners. Further, where the pension as revised is less than the pension admissible for equivalent qualifying service at the minimum of the revised scale of pay of the rank from which the pensioner had retired/discharged from service, his revised pension is to be stepped up to that level. Orders to this effect have been issued on 7.6.1999.

(c) & (d): So far, 4,60,613 applications from pre 1986 pensioners have been received, out of which pension has been revised in respect of 3,81,527 pensioners. Remaining 79,086 cases are pending for verification of service particulars. Instructions have been issued for expeditious finalisation of pending cases.